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Title: MANAGING NETWORK  
CONNECTIONS IN A  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of July 6, 2006, to further  
highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.